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THE OBSTRUCTIVE ORGAN.

A hiring press, say De Solue and Stew art Mill, is the most dangerous enemy of freedom. No greater truth was ever uttered. None deserves more to be engraved indelibly on the memory of the people. We have only to behold the press of the great states of continental Europe, to verify the truth set forth by these eminent writers whom we have cited. There the press is used by the tyrant as an engine of tyranny—to keep down the honest aspirations of the people. Instead of protecting themselves against unlimited power—instead of being used as an engine to insure the perpetuity of the holiest privileges of the people, it has become in the hands of irresponsible parties an engine to trample the noblest aspirations of the human heart. We thus remark, because we observe that the Express fast bids fair to cast away its independence of thought and freedom of action to become like some of its short-lived predecessors, the tool of an irresponsible clique. Legitimate differences of opinion when honestly entertained would be in the press as in the individual man. But how low is a press sunk in the estimation of truthfulness, honorableness, when, to serve the unholy purposes of its paymasters, it stoops to what it knows to be false—what it knows to be untrue! The Express charges the Colonist with making a "sneering allusion to the name of Work." This we pronounce utterly and wholly false. Our remarks boldly put the question which is common in the mouths of the people—Are we to be ruled and governed eternally by the Douglas Work Compact? There is no sneer in this—it is a bold manly utterance. The dead we know to be noble-hearted. But it is not the dead that troubled the inspirers of the Express. It is the living who are troubled—who feel that the tide of immigration from Great Britain and her colonies which flowed hither last year is not disposed to subside long to be "heavers of wood and drawers of water" for a Family Compact who aim to monopolize and control and enjoy every office of honor, emolument, and trust in the colony. It is the sneers of the independent electors that the inspirers of the Express feel; and if they sneer at the Express itself for printing its untruthful utterance we shall not wonder. Our space forbids us to pursue the Express through all its flimsy efforts to deceive the public in order to elevate Mr. Young to another irresponsible office. Our object shall be attained if we use a free and independent press to expose the Machiavellianism of an insipient hireling. We have, however, one or two observations more to make. The Express asks sneeringly with reference to editors—"Would the Colonist have that useful body of men (editors) ostracised from posts of honor and emolument in the government?" Our answer is: "Most decidedly we would, if the editors were such hirelings as to barter principle for a consideration—if editors of a hireling press." But who really does sneer? Who sneers at the laborer and mechanic but the organ of Mr. Young? Let the laborer and mechanic mark this. We stated yesterday that the laborer and mechanic had a right to aspire to the highest position in the colony. But Mr. Young's organ sneers at them, because the object is to keep the officers to divide up among the Compact.

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